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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PBOR, SO, ET

SUBJECT: MISSION OF SPECIAL EMISSARY TO SOMALIA

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WE BRIEFED MFA DIRECTOR FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS RACHELE MARCH 31 ON MISSION OF SPECIAL EMISSARY. RACHELE SAID THAT ITALIAN REACTION TO MOOSE TRIP WAS "VERY POSITIVE." MFA BELIEVES THAT SIAD BARRE IS AT CROSSROADS AND MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN TWO BASICALLY UNPALATABLE ALTERNATIVES; EITHER TO CONFIDENTIAL

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RENOUNCE CLAIMS TO PROTECT ETHNIC SOMALIS IN OTHER COUNTRIES AND THUS OBTAIN WESTERN SUPPORT OR PUBLICLY ADMIT TO MISTAKE IN KICKING OUT SOVIETS. ITALIANS THEREFORE FAVOR ANY SUPPORT, MATERIAL OR MORAL, WHICH WESTERN COUNTRIES CAN GIVE TO SIAD. SPECIAL EMISSARY MOOSE GAVE SOMALIS CAUSE TO HOPE FOR BOTH, AND THIS MAY HELP TIP BALANCE IN WEST'S FAVOR. GARDNER

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